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Mr. Patrick Sobotta, Director Environmental Restoration/ Waste Management Program Nez Perce Tribe P.O. Box 365 Lapwai, Idaho 83540



Dear Mr. Sobotta:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR K BASINS SLUDGE STORAGE AT 221-T BUILDING, HANFORD SITE, RICHLAND (DOE/EA-1369)

As authorized by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (10 CFR 1021), enclosed is the subject draft EA for your review prior to finalization. Please provide your written comments to me within 30 days of receipt of the EA.

Please direct any questions about this proposed action to Todd Shrader, Waste Management Division, on (509) 376-2725. Questions regarding the NEPA process may be directed to me on (509) 376-6667.

Sincerely,

Paul F. X. Dunigan, Jr.

NEPA Compliance Officer

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